



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2014 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 22, 2014
Schedule 11**

PLEASE NOTE: January 31 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 22, 2014

SB 342 Senator Middleton

PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – FILING OF SUPPLEMENTARY RATE INFORMATION – PUBLIC INSPECTION

Providing that specified supplementary rate information filing with the Insurance Commissioner is subject to specified protections for trade secret and confidential commercial information under specified circumstances; providing for a specified notice; providing that specified supplementary rate information filed with the Insurance Commissioner may not be open to public inspection for a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

IN, §§ 11-206(d) and 11-307(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

Department of Legislative Services

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SB 343 Senator Middleton**WIRELESS LANDLINE TELEPHONE SERVICE – PROHIBITION AND STUDY**

Prohibiting specified telephone companies from replacing landline or wireline telephone service to a customer with specified wireless telephone service; prohibiting the Public Service Commission from authorizing specified telephone companies to replace landline or wireline telephone service to a customer with wireless telephone service; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before a specified date.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Finance

SB 344 Senator Middleton**CHARLES COUNTY – SUNDAY CAR SALES – BLUE LAW EXEMPTION**

Authorizing a new or used car dealer in Charles County to sell, barter, deliver, give away, show, or offer for sale a motor vehicle or certificate of title for a motor vehicle on Sunday.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

BR, § 18-101 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 345 Senator Muse**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – INTEREST ON SECURITY DEPOSITS**

Changing the interest rate paid on a security deposit at the end of a tenancy under a residential lease when an evicted or ejected tenant makes a timely written demand for return of the security deposit; altering the annual interest rate paid by a mobile home park owner on a security deposit at the end of a tenancy; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to maintain on its Web site a specified list or calculator; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015

RP, §§ 8-203(e) and (h) and 8A-1001(f) - amended and §§ 8-203(k) and (l) and 8A-1001(h) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 346 Senator Muse**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – SOUTHERN FRIENDSHIP HEALTH AND WELLNESS CAMPUS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Southern Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Maryland, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes on the Southern Friendship Health and Wellness Campus; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 347 Senator Muse**RELIGIOUS CORPORATIONS – LAWS GOVERNING ASSETS OF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – REPEAL**

Repealing requirements for the holding of specified assets owned by a specified Methodist Church; and repealing provisions of law providing for the effect of the absence of a trust clause in a specified deed or other conveyance executed before a specified date.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

CA, §§ 5-326 and 5-327 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 348 Senator Manno**TEXTING WHILE DRIVING – ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from committing a violation of a specified prohibition against using a text messaging device while driving that contributes to an accident that results in the death or serious bodily injury of another; requiring a person who is detained following a motor vehicle accident that results in death or specified injury to allow the detaining officer to inspect the person’s text messaging device and to provide the officer with specified information regarding the device under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, §§ 16-402(a)(39) and 27-115 - added and § 21-1124.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 349 Senator Astle**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – THE ARC OF THE CENTRAL CHESAPEAKE REGION – MORELAND PARKWAY FACILITY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of the Central Chesapeake Region, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to a facility on Moreland Parkway, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 350 Senator Brochin, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – LOCAL JURISDICTIONS**

Altering the standards and requirements for the required warning period for violations recorded by speed monitoring systems; establishing that speed monitoring systems placed in specified areas may only be placed on highways with a specified minimum speed limit; applying notice and signage standards for unmanned local stationary speed monitoring systems to all local speed monitoring systems; establishing that a speed monitoring system in a school zone may operate only during the regular school year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-809 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 351 Senator Dyson**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ST. MARY’S COUNTY – ST. PETER CLAVER MUSEUM OF ST. INIGOES, MARYLAND**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$45,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the St. Peter Claver Catholic Church Museum of St. Inigoes, Maryland, for specified development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 352 Senator Manno, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MELVIN J. BERMAN HEBREW ACADEMY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$32,500, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy for specified development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 353 Senator Manno, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – DEADLY WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

Prohibiting a person from carrying or possessing a deadly weapon on public or private school property; and extending specified exceptions that allow the carrying or possession of a deadly weapon on public school property to private school property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 4-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 354 Senator Muse**MARYLAND RENTERS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Altering the calculation of the amount of property tax relief provided to specified renters by increasing, from 15% to 25%, the percent of rent used to calculate the assumed property tax; altering the calculation of combined income of a renter to increase the amount of property tax relief available; increasing, from \$750 to \$1,500, the maximum amount of property tax relief that may be provided under the program; requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to establish a marketing campaign; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TP, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 355 Senator Ferguson, et al**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIALIZED AND ACCELERATED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULT LEARNERS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of Specialized and Accelerated Educational Programs for Adult Learners; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member from receiving compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; establishing the duties of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report, on or before December 1, 2014, to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 356 Senator Ferguson**PUBLIC UTILITIES – FIXED CHARGES FOR TAXICAB SERVICES – BALTIMORE CITY**

Authorizing a taxicab permit holder to make a fixed charge for any trip by taxicab between specified locations in Baltimore City or between points within Baltimore City as approved by the Public Service Commission; and requiring that a fixed charge made under the Act be calculated on a mileage basis approved by the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

PU, § 10-210 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 357 Senator Feldman**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SENECA STORE RESTORATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Seneca Store, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 358 **Senator Pinsky****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2011 –
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – RIVERDALE PARK TOWN HALL
EXPANSION**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to provide that specified grants for the Riverdale Park Town Hall Expansion may not terminate before June 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Ch. 396 of the Acts of 2011, § 1(3) Item ZA02(BO) and Item ZA03(BE) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 359 **Senator Stone, et al****WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAMS –
IMPERVIOUS SURFACE – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “impervious surface” as it relates to watershed protection and restoration programs to exclude gravel that is placed on top of a surface that allows stormwater to infiltrate into the ground.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, § 4-202.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 360 **Senator Zirkin, et al****NATURAL GAS – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

EN, § 14-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 361 Senator Zirkin**PUBLIC SAFETY – GAS PIPELINE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS – BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY**

Requiring a gas transmission company operating within the State to comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations with respect to gas pipeline safety inspections; authorizing the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations specifying the technology to be used for the inspection of specified gas pipelines located within the State; providing for the jurisdiction and enforcement authority of the Commission; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, §§ 15-103 and 15-104 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 362 Senator Zirkin**PUBLIC SAFETY – GAS PIPELINE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS – STATE PENALTIES**

Requiring a gas transmission company operating within the State to comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations with respect to gas pipeline safety inspections; authorizing the Public Service Commission, subject to specified provisions of law, to impose a civil penalty of \$100,000 per day on a gas transmission company that fails to have a gas pipeline inspected as required by federal law; requiring all penalties collected under the Act to be paid into the General Fund of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PS, §§ 15-103 and 15-104 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 363 Senator Zirkin**FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE – VALID SEPARATION AGREEMENT**

Authorizing a court to grant a limited or absolute divorce on the ground of the execution of a valid separation agreement that resolves specified rights and obligations of the parties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

FL, §§ 7-102(a) and 7-103(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 364 **Senators Zirkin and Kittleman****CRIMINAL LAW – POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA – CIVIL OFFENSE**

Altering the penalty for the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana; making the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana a civil offense; establishing that a person who violates the Act may be issued a specified citation; authorizing a police officer to issue a specified citation under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, §§ 3-8A-01(dd), 3-8A-19(e)(2), and 3-8A-33(a) and CR, § 5-601 - amended and CR, § 5-601.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 365 **Senator Getty, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – RATE REDUCTION**

Reducing the rate of the sales and use tax from 6% to 5% beginning July 1, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, §§ 4-105(b), 11-104(a), (b), (g), (h)(2), and (i), and 11-301 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 366 **Senator Getty, et al****CORPORATE INCOME TAX – RATE REDUCTION**

Reducing the State income tax rate on the Maryland taxable income of corporations from 8.25% to 7%; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 367 Senator Pugh, et al**DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS – LOCATIONS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the University of Baltimore jointly to identify the location of each drug abuse treatment program in the State and study and evaluate the economic impact of each program on surrounding businesses and residential neighborhoods; requiring the Department and the University jointly to report their findings under the Act to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2014; and terminating the Act after May 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Finance

SB 368 Senator Pugh, et al**COMMISSION ON MARYLAND CYBERSECURITY INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE – MEMBERSHIP AND TERMINATION DATE**

Altering the membership of the Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence; requiring the Commission to submit a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1 of each year; and repealing the termination date of the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 9-2901, Chapter 250 of the Acts of 2011, § 2, and Chapter 251 of the Acts of 2011, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 369 Senator Stone**PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – PENALTIES – SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES**

Making specified violations for failing to comply with an interim, a temporary, or a final protective order a prior offense for the purposes of determining penalties for a second or subsequent offense for failing to comply with an interim, a temporary, or a final peace order; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 3-1508 and FL, § 4-509 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 370 Senator Stone**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2011 –
BALTIMORE COUNTY – TODD’S INHERITANCE**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to change the grantee of a grant for Todd’s Inheritance from the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County to the Board of Trustees of the Todd’s Inheritance Historic Site, Inc.; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 396 of the Acts of 2011, § 1(3) Item ZA02(AD), as amended - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 371 Senator Currie, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW
– PAYMENT OF WAGES**

Specifying the amount of the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for specified time periods; requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to set the rate in a specified manner on or after a specified date; requiring that the Commissioner publish the rate in the Maryland Register on or before a specified date every 3 years; altering the age under which specified individuals are exempt from the Maryland Wage and Hour Law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

LE, §§ 3-403, 3-413, and 3-419 - amended and § 3-414.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 372 Senators Currie and Benson**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2006 –
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – WHITE ROSE FOUNDATION
SERVICE CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 to provide that a specified grant for the White Rose Foundation Service Center, located in Prince George’s County, may not terminate before June 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2006, § 1(3) Item ZA01(CE), as amended - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 373 Senators Currie and Muse**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – EDUCARE RESOURCE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Educare Resource Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Educare Resource Center, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 374 Senator Currie, et al**STATE LOTTERY – ONLINE TICKET SALES – MORATORIUM AND STUDY**

Prohibiting the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency from allowing a person to purchase a State lottery ticket through an electronic device that connects to the Internet; establishing the Task Force to Study the Online Sale of State Lottery Tickets; requiring the Task Force to study and make determinations regarding the sale of State lottery tickets over the Internet; requiring the Task Force to report its findings, determinations, and any recommendations on or before January 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 375 Senator Currie, et al**CRIMINAL RECORDS – SHIELDING – NONVIOLENT MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS**

Authorizing a person to petition the court to shield specified court records and police records relating to a conviction of the person no earlier than a specified number of years after the person satisfies the sentence imposed for the conviction, including parole, probation, or mandatory supervision; providing that, if the person is convicted of a new crime during a specified time period, the original conviction is not eligible for shielding unless the new conviction becomes eligible for shielding; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP, §§ 10-301 through 10-306 and SG, § 10-616(w) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 376 **Senators Currie and Gladden**

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – MISDEMEANOR
CONVICTIONS**

Authorizing a specified person to file a petition for expungement of a police, court, or other record if the person was convicted of a nonviolent misdemeanor and has never previously been convicted of a crime other than a nonincarcerable traffic violation; specifying the time periods within which a petition for expungement based on a conviction of a nonviolent misdemeanor may not be filed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings